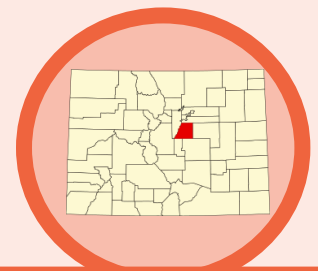


A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Douglas County, CO

Teachers in the US **rate their lives better** than all other occupation groups, trailing only physicians.

SALARY

The **average** wage of all **full-time workers** in the county: **\$83,928***



Base Salary →

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

\$51,914 - \$56,452



15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

\$78,428 - \$89,159



Data from 2026-2027

Plus

\$1,814 - \$7,140

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band



\$510 - \$4,588

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median **home value:** **\$712,073***



Fair Market rent for a **2-bedroom apartment:** **\$2,140***



A salary of **\$54,000** can buy a home like this: *



\$300,000

*With a 5% down payment, spending 36% of their income on housing

A salary of **\$83,700** can buy a home like this: *



\$430,000

*With a 20% down payment, spending 36% of their income on housing

RETIREMENT

Most teaching jobs have better retirement benefits than other jobs you can get with the same degree.



59 Teacher average retirement age

4 YEARS EARLIER

63 All careers average retirement age

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